

Lakes & Wilderness

NATURE'S GALLERY OF MASTERPIECES



EAST GIPPSLAND
GREAT WALKS

Select a walk

Grades
 1 = Easy: moderate fitness
 2 = Medium: reasonable fitness

		Distance from guide	Grade Guide
GREAT ALPINE ROAD	1	Den of Nargun Walks ■ from Bairnsdale approx 45kms	■ 1 – 2 your choice
	2	Port of Bairnsdale – Mitchell River Walk ■ Bairnsdale	■ 1
	3	Fairy Dell Walk ■ from Bruthen approx 3kms	■ 1
	4	Omeo Oriental Claims Walk ■ Omeo	■ 1 – 2 your choice
GIPPSLAND LAKES AND RIVERS	5	Entrance to the Lakes Walk ■ Lakes Entrance	■ 1 – 2 your choice
	6	Kalimna Views Walk ■ Lakes Entrance	■ 1 – 2 your choice
	7	Paynesville Foreshore Walk ■ Paynesville	■ 1
	8	Cherry Tree Burnt Bridge Walk & Toorloo Arm Rainforest Walk ■ Lakes Entrance approx 10kms	■ 1 and 2
	9	Lonely Bay Walk ■ Lakes Entrance approx 10kms	■ 2
	10	Boggy Creek Walk ■ Nowa Nowa	■ 1
SNOWY RIVER COUNTRY	11	Raymond Creek Falls ■ from Orbost approx 70kms	■ 1
	12	Spring Creek & Moon Hill Walk ■ Buchan	■ 1 and 2
	13	Cape Conran Nature Trail ■ from Marlo approx 18km	■ 1 – 2 your choice
	14	Cabbage Tree Palms Walk ■ from Marlo approx 10km	■ 1
	15	Motts Beach & the mouth of the Snowy River ■ Marlo	■ 1 - 2
	16	Errinundra Boardwalk ■ from Orbost approx 110km	■ 1
	17	Slab Hut & Snowy River Walk ■ Orbost	■ 1
CROAJINGLONG	18	Drummer Walk ■ from Cann River approx 10km	■ 1
	19	McKenzie River Walk ■ from Orbost approx 45km	■ 1
	20	Mallacoota Walks ■ Mallacoota	■ 1 – 2 your choice
	21	Genoa Peak Walk ■ Genoa approx 11kms	■ 2
	22	Thurra River Dunes Walk ■ Cann River approx 45 mins	■ 2
	23	Pt Hicks Lighthouse ■ Cann River approx 45 mins	■ 1 - 2 your choice

Walking Tips ■ Remember: to take water, sunscreen and a hat, and for longer walks a snack and waterproof jacket ■ Recommended: Check weather forecast before you go, and stay on the walking track or route ■ Mobile Phones: May not work in some areas ■ Dogs: Are not permitted in most National and State Parks ■ Getting there: Note drive distances for getting to walks, as some may involve a short or longer drive ■ Do the whole walk, or just a part! ■ Wheelchair Access: The walks in this brochure are generally unclassified. Contact an information centre to discuss if the pathways and conditions may be right for you.

I Den of Nargun Walks

Bairnsdale (45 kms)

Wander through a spectacular river gorge and sheltered rainforest to the lair of a mythological Aboriginal creature.

Length:	various, from 20mins to 3 hours (1 way)
Track:	good
Grade:	1 – 2 (your choice)
Start:	Mitchell River NP Picnic Area
Mudmap:	no. Good signage and more information at the park
Facilities:	Toilets, picnic area, camping
Food & drink:	Lindenow

There are several good walks in the Mitchell River National Park – take your pick. Brief overview of 1 of the Den of Nargun walks: Bluff Lookout, a short way along the track, gives an excellent view of the Mitchell River as it winds its way through the deep and rugged gorge, as well as the rainforest gullies of Woolshed Creek. The path then descends into the rainforest, where mossy trees, ferns and twisting vines flourish in the moist and sheltered gully.

According to Dreamtime stories, the Nargun was a half-stone, half-human female creature with the power to repel and turn back spears and stones thrown at it. Natural stepping stones lead to its den, a shallow cave behind a small waterfall on Woolshed Creek. (Please do not enter the Den itself, as it contains fragile stalactites that are still forming and is a significant cultural site for the local Aboriginal community.)

Camping is prohibited at the Den of Nargun, however camping is available at Woolshed Creek, Billy Goat Bend, Rock Creek and Angusvale.

How to get there: Head for the Mitchell River National Park approximately 45kms north west of Bairnsdale. Travelling from Bairnsdale towards Melbourne along the Prince Hwy, take the Lindenow turn-off to the right just before crossing the railway lines. Follow this road through Lindenow and Walpa to the Fingerboards, where you take the Dargo Rd. About 3kms further on, cross Iguana Ck, then turn into Waller's Rd at the Mitchell River National Park sign. The Den of Nargun is 4kms further on.



Walking the
90 Mile Beach
in yesteryear

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2 Mitchell River Walk

Bairnsdale

Length:	5km return (2hrs) optional
Track:	good
Grade:	1 (unsealed, short sealed section + boardwalk)
Start:	Port of Bairnsdale, Howitt Park (+ Wy Yung Oval)
Mudmap:	no, but track easy to follow
Facilities:	Toilets, picnic + BBQ
Food & drink:	Available in Bairnsdale

This delightful trail begins at the old Port of Bairnsdale and follows the Mitchell River through an avenue of trees before crossing Lind Bridge. The track is shaded in summer and picturesque in autumn. Pass beside farmlands and cross the swing bridge to Howitt Park. See the historic aboriginal canoe tree and BBQ by the playground. Leaving Howitt Park follow the footpath west along the Princes Hwy. Cross the Mitchell River and continue on until reaching the tourist caravan park, then turn right following the path till it rejoins the river. Turn left, after a short distance the path joins a boardwalk leading back to the Port of Bairnsdale.

How to get there: Port of Bairnsdale is located behind the post office, access road is on the corner of Bailey and Riverine St, Bairnsdale. Howitt Park is located on the Princes Hwy, east side of the Mitchell River bridge. Wy Yung oval is located on the Bullumwaal Rd at the Lind bridge where the walking track crosses the river.

3 Fairy Dell Walk

Bruthen (3 kms)

Length:	2km (30mins)
Track:	good
Grade:	1
Start:	Picnic + BBQ area
Mudmap:	no, but track easy to follow
Facilities:	Toilets, picnic + BBQ area
Food & drink:	Take your own. Nearest corner store: Bruthen (3kms)

This easy and popular walk follows a path through a rainforest type only found in East Gippsland. The 'jungle' vegetation is dominated by Lily Pilly and forms a unique forest in combination with many climbers, vines and ferns. As you enter the rainforest, you'll notice a marked drop in the temperature, particularly on a hot

day. This moist microclimate of the rain forest helps prevent fires starting, as wildfire could destroy many of the unique plant species. At Fairy Dell, enjoy the BBQ and picnic facilities with plenty of room for the children to run about and play.

How to get there: Leave Bairnsdale to travel along the Great Alpine Road (Omeo Hwy) towards Bruthen. Pass over the Nicholson River. Continue along to turn north along Eleven Mile Road, and follow signs to the Fairy Dell Scenic Reserve. Or (dry weather only) continue to Wiseleigh and turn left into Deep Creek Rd. **IMPORTANT:** Deep Ck Rd may be slippery after rain.

4 Omeo to Oriental Gold Claims Walk

Omeo

Length: 3kms return (+ optional other walks at Oriental Claims)

Track: good

Grade: 1 – 2 (given optional length. The Ah Fong Loop section has a considerable number of steps)

Start: Omeo township, main street

Mudmap: no, but tracks has some markers and interpretive signage

Facilities: Toilets, picnic area

Food & drink: Take your own (especially water), as there are no water fountains or taps beyond the township. Nearest corner store: Omeo

This pleasant walk follows the Livingstone Creek from the Omeo township to the Oriental Claims past the Griffiths Tunnel (swimming pool). Originally constructed late last century to divert the Creek for mining, the tunnel was converted into a swimming pool in the 1920's. Follow the walking track through pine plantation and onto the Ah Fong Loop. Ah Fong became wealthy with his mining ventures, and then decided it was much easier running a shop adjacent to the Chinese – and then sent his wife out to work his claim. At the end of the loop is the bridge over Dry Gully Creek and a picnic area with access to the Southern Section walk trails also with many loops. See the majestic cliff faces created by intensive sluicing operations. Stand silent in the amphitheatres and imagine the miners...for some there was wealth, for most only poverty and struggle. Walk back into town around the Livingstone Creek side of the Ah Fong loop or along the Great Alpine Road. Either way will give you the chance to appreciate the beauty of the Oriental Claims.

How to get there: Drive towards Mt Hotham along the Great Alpine Road to Omeo. Park in the main street of Omeo, or in Livingstone Park near the swimming pool. Walk to the back of the swimming pool to find the start of the walking track. From here, by foot, look out for the markers along the track until you reach the Ah Fong loop and onwards some interpretive signage and notice boards.

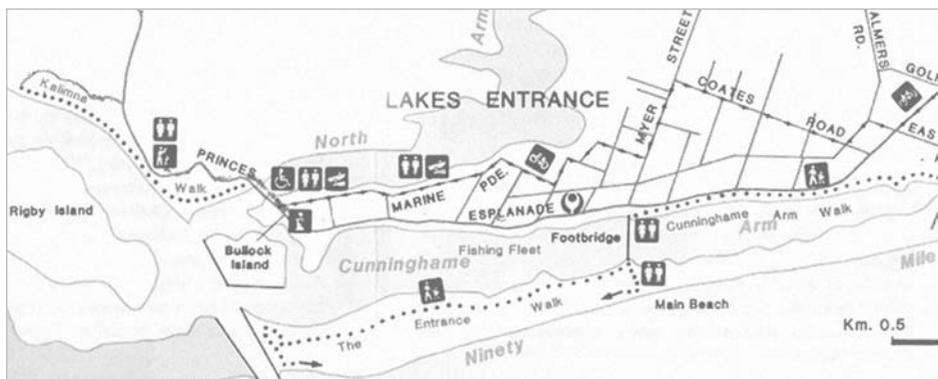
5 'Entrance to the Lakes' Walk

Lakes Entrance

Length:	4.6km circuit (2.5hrs)
Track:	good (track may not be pathed but sandy, in parts)
Grade:	1 – 2 (allowing for sandy sections)
Start:	Footbridge
Mudmap:	no, but track easy to follow. Some signage
Facilities:	Toilet, kiosk and picnic facilities along the way.
Food & drink:	Kiosk + available in Lakes Entrance

Cross the footbridge over Cunningham Arm to the 90-Mile Beach and on to Flagstaff Hill for views of boats and fishing vessels crossing the bar. A display guides you through the fascinating history of the opening of the entrance. Return via same track or along the 90-Mile Beach. Toilet, kiosk and picnic facilities available.

How to get there: (See color map on back cover) Park at the footbridge car park opposite Myers St (at the traffic lights).



6 Kalimna Views Walk

Lakes Entrance

Length:	3km (50mins return)
Track:	good
Grade:	1
Start:	Optional: (1) Top of Kalimna Hill in the carpark by the binoculars, or (2) At the Lakes Entrance Visitors Info Centre carpark, or directly opposite in the anglers carpark
Finish:	Kalimna Jetty
Mudmap:	no, but track easy to follow

Facilities: Toilet, picnic + BBQ along the way.

Food & drink: Available in Lakes Entrance

Start at either the top of Kalimna Hill and walk down the track for views out over the Gippsland Lakes and Entrance, or at the bottom for views from the rock wall path across the Lakes to the Entrance.

How to get there: At the Bairnsdale side of Lakes Entrance, park at the binoculars at the top of Kalimna Hill (before the steep decent into Lakes Entrance) or at the Visitor Information Centre by the round-about at the bottom of Kalimna Hill

7 Paynesville Foreshore Walk

Paynesville

Length: 4km circuit (1.5hrs)

Track: good

Grade: 1

Start: Paynesville Craft Centre, along the Esplanade

Mudmap: no, but track easy to follow. Some signage

Facilities: Toilet, picnic + BBQ along the way.

Food & drink: Available in Paynesville

Follow the waters edge of Newlands Arm along this mostly shaded track. With many swimming and fishing spots along the way. The walk ends at the pumping station where you can return the way you came or return via Newlands Drive for elevated views of Lake Victoria.

How to get there: Park in the foreshore carpark, near the Craft Centre along the Esplanade in Paynesville.

8 Cherry Tree Burnt Bridge Walk and Toorloo Arm Rainforest Walk

Lakes Entrance (approx 10kms)

Length: Cherry Tree: 2.2kms (20mins)

Toorloo: 1hr circuit (40 mins)

Track: good (both unsealed)

Grade: Cherry Tree: 1, Silvertop: 2

Start: Cherry Tree Track (see Mudmap)

Mudmap: no

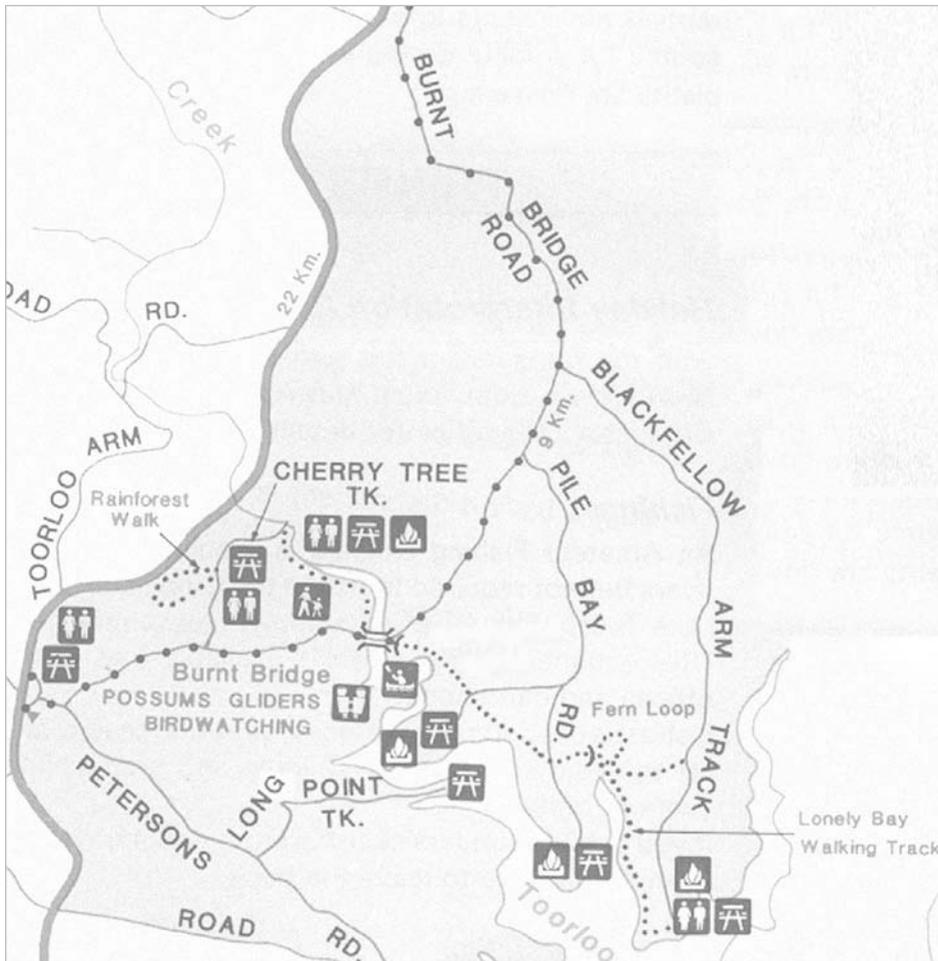
Facilities: Toilets, picnic + BBQ area

Food & drink: Take your own. Nearest corner store: Lake Tyers

Cherry Tree Burnt Bridge: follows the waters edge to Burnt Bridge. BBQ and picnic facilities available.

Silvertop & Toorloo Arm Rainforest: Walk through Silvertop Ash, Blue Gums and remnant rainforest gully dominated by Lilly Pilly and Pittosporum, with an understorey of ferns. There is a small bridge and boardwalk section.

How to get there: (See color map on back cover) Between the Lake Tyers turn off and Nowa Nowa, turn off the Princes Hwy into Burnt Bridge Rd. From this road turn left into Cherry Tree Track. One walk is mid-way along this track, and the other at the end by the Creek. Note: Cherry Tree Track can be rough.



9 Lonely Bay Walk

Lake Entrance (approx 10kms)

- Length:** 1.5kms one way
- Track:** good (unsealed) **Grade:** 2
- Start:** On Blackfellows Arm Track, 3.5kms off Burnt Bridge Rd off the Princes Hwy
- Mudmap:** no, but track easy to follow. Signposted from car park.
- Facilities:** Toilets, picnic + BBQ area
- Food & drink:** Take your own. Nearest corner store: Lake Tyers

With the sounds of rumbling surf crashing onto the Ninety Mile Beach in the background, this walk features stunning panoramic views out across the azure waters of Lake Tyers.

Wander through a gallery of diverse vegetation ranging from open woodland to paperback thicket to riparian rainforest and estuarine habitat.

Fish and birdlife abound. Relax along the walk at the picnic area. Be sure to keep an eye out for an interesting stand of swamp Paperbarks.

How to get there: (See color map on back cover) Travelling along the Princes Hwy (between Nowa Nowa and Lakes Entrance, either direction) watch for Lonely Bay Walk directional sign.

10 Boggy Creek Walk

Nowa Nowa

- Length:** 2 hrs return
- Track:** good (unsealed) **Grade:** 1
- Start:** 50 metres east of boat ramp, in heart of Nowa Nowa, just off the Princes Hwy.
- Mudmap:** no, but track easy to follow. Some signage
- Facilities:** Toilets, picnic + BBQ area
- Food & drink:** Available in Nowa Nowa

This lazy walk along the Nowa Nowa Arm of Lake Tyers presents the perfect opportunity for a spot of fishing along the way. Popular not only for the great fishing, but also an abundance of waterbird life and the resident sea eagles.

The walk continues along Boggy Creek to a spectacular lookout at the Gorge. As you wander along this stretch, the fascinating geological rock formations are a real feature. The rocks are an important part of the local aboriginal heritage with great significance to the Gunai/Kurnai tribe.

How to get there: (See color map on back cover) Travelling through the heart of the township along the Princes Hwy, watch for Boggy Creek Walk directional sign.

11 Raymond Creek Falls Walk

Orbost (70km)

Length:

1km return (40 mins)

Track:

good (unsealed), dry weather only

Grade:

1

Start:

Raymond Creek Falls Picnic area

Mudmap:

no, but easy to follow.

Important:

see driving tips below before you go. Great day trip

Facilities:

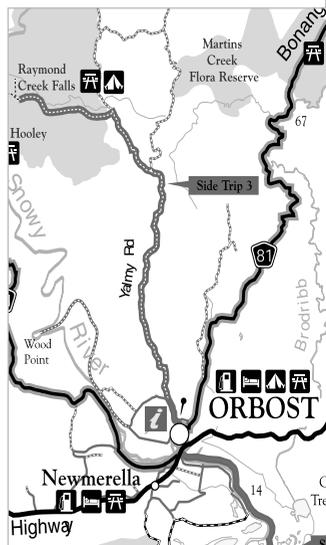
Toilets, picnic area, camping

Food & drink:

Take your own. Nearest corner store: Orbost (70kms)

The drive to this walk is worth the trip alone, as a day trip into the Snowy River NP. The walk itself leads to spectacular views of the 20m plunge of the Raymond Creek Falls to a deep, clear pool. Picnic and fireplace facilities are set within natural openings within the bush.

How to get there: Drive time 1 hour: Follow the Snowy River Country Trail signage from Orbost to Snowy River National Park / Raymond Creek Falls. (Map available from information centres). Driving Tip: Road to Falls is windy in parts so drive carefully. Log trucks may also use road. Roads into the NP are unsealed and not suitable for 2x2 vehicles or towing during wetter periods. Recommended: check road conditions during wet seasons. Limited conveniences along the way so be sure to take food and drinks.



12 Spring Creek & Moon Hill Walks

Buchan

Length:

Spring Creek: 3km (1.5hrs return), Moon Hill: 0.5km (0.5hrs return)

Track:

good (unsealed)

Grade:

Spring Creek: 2 (some steep areas), Moon Hill: 1

Start:

Buchan Caves Reserve (return)

Mudmap:

yes. Additional information available at the Reserve

Facilities:

Toilets, picnic + BBQ area, camping

Food & drink:

Kiosk (in the Reserve) and Buchan

Spring Creek: This walk splits into the higher Tea-Tree Track and the lower Kanooka Track; both meeting at the Spring Creek Falls. Tea-Tree Track is adventurous with some steep areas. A short distance along the track, to your left, the rock type changes from the Buchan Caves limestone to the older Snowy River volcanics.



Cave Tours

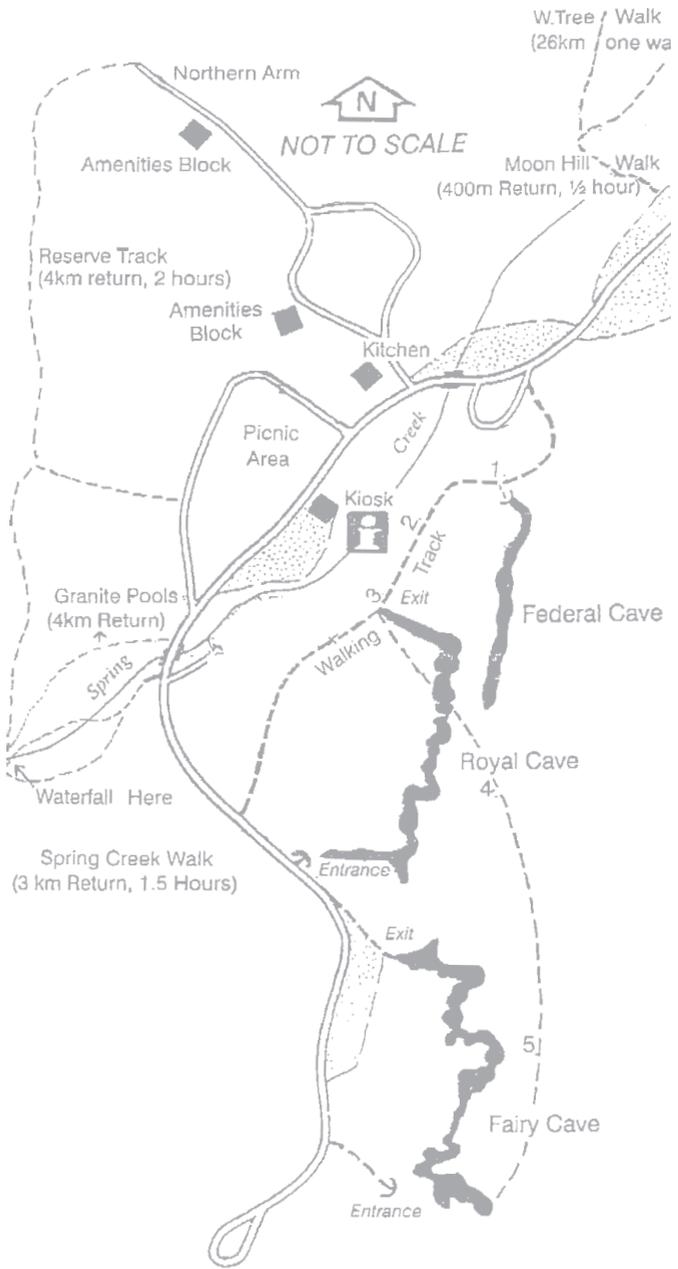


Slab Hut, Orbost



Errinundra

Spring Creek & Moon Hill Walks Buchan Caves Reserve



Enjoy the fall from a viewing platform at the end of the track. On the return walk, take the lower Kanooka track and criss cross the remnants of Riparian Rainforest – a combination of moss covered rocks and fern trees dominated by Kanooka. Watch for Lyrebird scratchings and the Gippsland Water Dragons.

Moon Hill: This short walk leads to an excellent viewing spot over the Reserve. You'll pass Moon Cave – so take your torch to peak in the entrance. See a large collapsed cave at Devils Punchbowl. From here the ridge to the north will take you to the W-Tree walking track. Return to the Reserve via North Arm, or veer to the right to follow the ridge to 'Spion Kop' for views out over the Buchan Township.

How to get there: From Buchan, watch for the Buchan Caves Reserve signage just beyond the township (heading towards Seldom Seen).

13 Cape Conran Nature Trail

Marlo (18 kms)

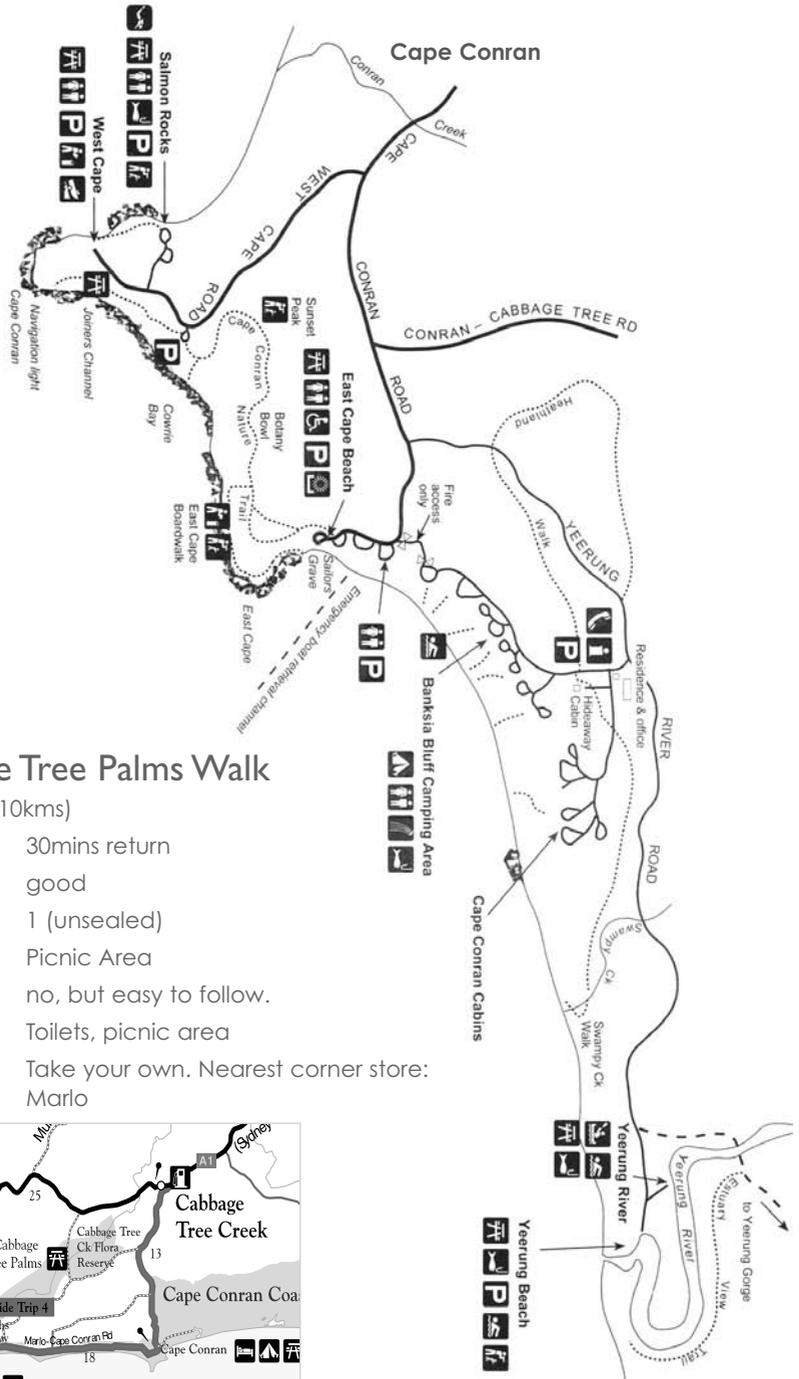
Length:	3km (1hr one way, 2 hr return)
Track:	good (various unsealed, wooden boardwalk, steps)
Grade:	1 - 2
Start:	East Cape (Sailors Grave)
Start/Finish:	East Cape (Sailors Grave) / West Cape carpark
Mudmap:	yes
Facilities:	Toilets, picnic + BBQ area, camping
Food & drink:	Take your own. Nearest corner store: Marlo

Outstanding ocean views, plentiful wildlife, coastal heathland and excellent diving and fishing make this scenic cape a popular haven for both nature lovers and holidaymakers.

Sailors Grave Beach, named in honour of the victims of ships wrecked long ago on nearby Beware Reef, marks the beginning of this short but stimulating walk. (The wooden crosses that once marked their graves have since vanished)

Follow the trail to the top of the headland, where excellent views take in Point Hicks and Mt Everard to the east, Mt Bemm to the northeast and Mt Raymond to the northwest. Continue along the bluff, deviating slightly inland to Botany Bowl and Sunset Peak. Or you can take the track down to the pebble beach at secluded Cowrie Bay. To rejoin the main trail, you can rock hop from here to Joiners Channel. From Joiners Channel there are trails around to Salmon Rocks Beach, or follow the Koori Nature Trail Boardwalk to return to Sailors Grave.

How to get there: From Marlo, follow the signage to Cape Conran CP.



14 Cabbage Tree Palms Walk

Marlo (approx 10kms)

Length: 30mins return

Track: good

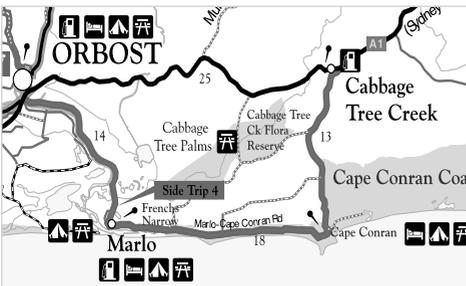
Grade: 1 (unsealed)

Start: Picnic Area

Mudmap: no, but easy to follow.

Facilities: Toilets, picnic area

Food & drink: Take your own. Nearest corner store:
Marlo



This tranquil walk features the southern most stand of Cabbage Fan Palms – usually found further north along the Australian coastline. There are only a few hundred specimens growing in this very restricted area, scattered amongst the Mahogany Gum forests and nestled along the Cabbage Tree Creek.

The walk follows a rambling track into the palms, with Bell Miners providing an orchestral ambience. The Rosellas are a birdwatchers delight! Stay a little longer in this spot to enjoy a picnic and bask in the peaceful tranquillity.

How to get there: (See color map on back cover) Follow the signs from Marlo in the direction of Cape Conran. Watch for the signed turn off to Cabbage Tree Palms. Alternatively, if travelling between Orbost and Cabbage Tree Ck along the Princes Hwy, watch for signed turn off to Palm Track (unsealed road). From here the Palms are 5.5kms.

15 Motts Beach & Frenchs Narrows

Marlo

Length:	your choice
Track:	good (unsealed, sections of steps, timber boardwalk + sand)
Grade:	1
Start:	Motts Beach carpark
Mudmap:	no
Facilities:	Toilets, picnic + BBQ area (in Marlo township)
Food & drink:	Marlo

At Motts Beach, take the track down to the Snowy Estuary to view the mouth of the Snowy River. Stroll along westerly along the foreshore to the jetty, in the Marlo township, or easterly towards Frenchs Narrows.

How to get there: Just out of the township of Marlo heading towards Cape Conran, Motts carpark is opposite the racecourse.

16 Errinundra Boardwalk

Orbost (110kms approx.)

Length:	1km (40mins)
Track:	good
Grade:	1
Start:	Errinundra Saddle Picnic Ground
Important:	see driving tips below before you go. Recommended as full day trip
Mudmap:	no, signage to Boardwalk through NP
Facilities:	Toilets, picnic area, camping
Food & drink:	Take your own. Nearest corner store: Bonang (25kms)

Unique to East Gippsland, the ancient cool temperature rainforest of the Errinundra Plateau is dominated by southern sassafras and black olive berry, and features enormous mountain plum pines, some over 400 years old. As well as Victoria's largest stand of rainforest, the plateau supports magnificent tall eucalypt forests of shining gum and cut-tail, and beautiful stands of silver wattle. The walk starts from the Errinundra Saddle, which also features interpretive displays and information on the nature of the rainforest and the history of the park.

It's an easy self-guided trail under the rainforest canopy, over small streams and past elegant ferns and colourful fungi. Most of the track is on a Boardwalk raised above the forest floor, designed to enhance the comfort of visitors and protect the delicate rainforest environment. Drive to Mount Ellery and Ocean View Lookouts in the south of the park for spectacular views across the heavily forested mountains and valleys to the distant coast.

How to get there: From Orbost, follow the Snowy Country Trail and signage to Errinundra NP. Driving Tip: Bonang Hwy to Errinundra NP is windy in parts so drive carefully. Log trucks may also use road. Roads into the NP are unsealed and not suitable for 2x2 vehicles or towing during wetter periods. Recommended: check road conditions during wet seasons. Limited conveniences along the way so be sure to take food, drinks and top up fuel at Orbost and Bonang.

17 Slab Hut & Snowy River Walk

Orbost

Length:	30mins return (optional)
Track:	good (variety, unsealed, sealed, some steps)
Grade:	1
Start:	Slab Hut, Forrest Park
Mudmap:	no, but easy to follow.
Facilities:	Toilets, picnic + BBQ area
Food & drink:	Available in Orbost

Take your time and enjoy a relaxing walk along the Snowy either upstream or downstream. Highly recommended is a lazy picnic, a quiet moment along the banks of the Snowy, or a wander into the Orbost township for a coffee and cake break... Walking opportunities are numerous and include a spectacular landscaped rainforest setting with self-guided trails, the Slab Hut – an authentic early settlers' hut, beautiful garden picnic area, and native flora and fauna along the banks of the legendary Snowy River.

How to get there: Turn into Orbost from the Princes Hwy and drive through Nicholson street and you can't miss the Slab Hut, situated in Forrest Park.

18 Drummer Walk

Cann River (approx 10kms)

- Length:** About a 1km loop
Track: good
Grade: 1
Start: On Drummer Rd, 500 meters off the Princes Hwy. Walking track signposted from carpark.
Facilities: Toilets, picnic + BBQ area, camping
Food & drink: Take your own. Nearest corner store: Cann River

This walk captures the remnants of an ancient rainforest network, rich with Mountain Grey gums, shade loving ferns, mosses and vines, and the giant Kanuka tree. Keep an eye out for Australia's largest Cockatoo, the yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo, often first detected by its striking call – 'ree-ah! ree-ah...'

Absorb the immense beauty, diversity, and how all living parts of this warm temperate rainforest depend on each other for survival.

How to get there: (See color map on back cover) 10kms east of Cann River, turn off the Princess Hwy to Drummer Rd. Follow Drummer Rd along 500metres to walk carpark.

19 McKenzie River Walk

Orbost (45 km approx.)

- Length:** About a 1km loop
Track: good
Grade: 1
Start: Turn off the Princes Hwy, 300m east of the McKenzie River Bridge and along 200m to carpark. Walking track signposted from carpark.
Mudmap: No, but some interpretive signage
Facilities: Toilets, picnic area
Food & drink: Take your own. Nearest corner store: Cann River or Orbost

A rainforest experience set in the Bemm River Scenic Reserve, this walk explores a pocket of warm temperature rainforest and the plant communities along the way. Enjoy a rainforest river valley, its secrets of survival and the creatures it harbours. Swing bridges over the McKenzie River and through gnarled trees add a different dimension to the rainforest experience.

How to get there: (See color map on back cover) Travelling between Cabbage Tree Ck and Cann River, turn off the Princes Hwy 300 meters east of the McKenzie River Bridge to the Bemm River Scenic Reserve. Follow along 200 meters to walk carpark.

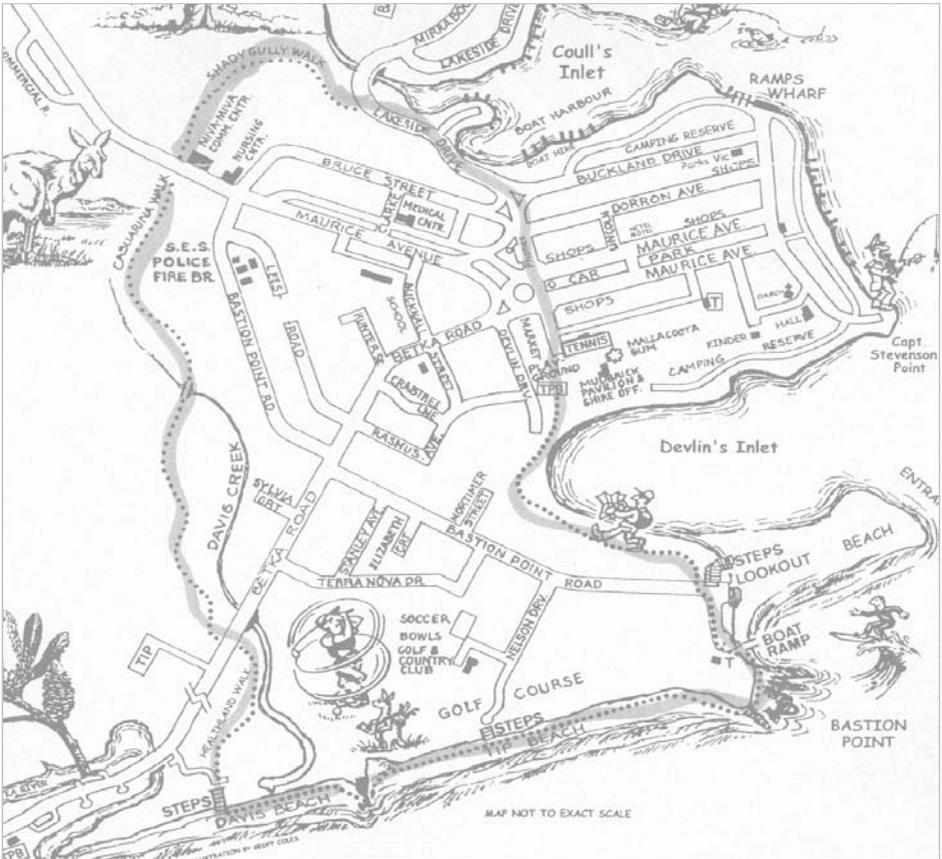
20 Mallacoota Walking Tracks

Mallacoota

- Length:** optional (whole loop 7kms)
Track: good **Grade:** 1 – 2 (optionally)
Start: Mallacoota township
Mudmap: yes
Facilities: Toilets, picnic + BBQ areas along the way
Food & drink: Available in Mallacoota

Take your pick from a collection of self-guided walks along the Mallacoota Foreshore. Refer to the Mudmap on page x for the various routes that can be followed. Recommended are the: **Casuarina Walk:** 8kms, **Heathland Walk:** .8kms, **Shady Gully Walk:** .5 kms, **Beach Walk:** 2.1kms

How to get there: Drive into Mallacoota and park in any of the main parking areas. Refer to Mudmap for a park closest to the walk of your choice.



21 Genoa Peak Walk

Genoa (approx. 11kms)

Length: 1.5 km (about 2 hrs return)

Track: good

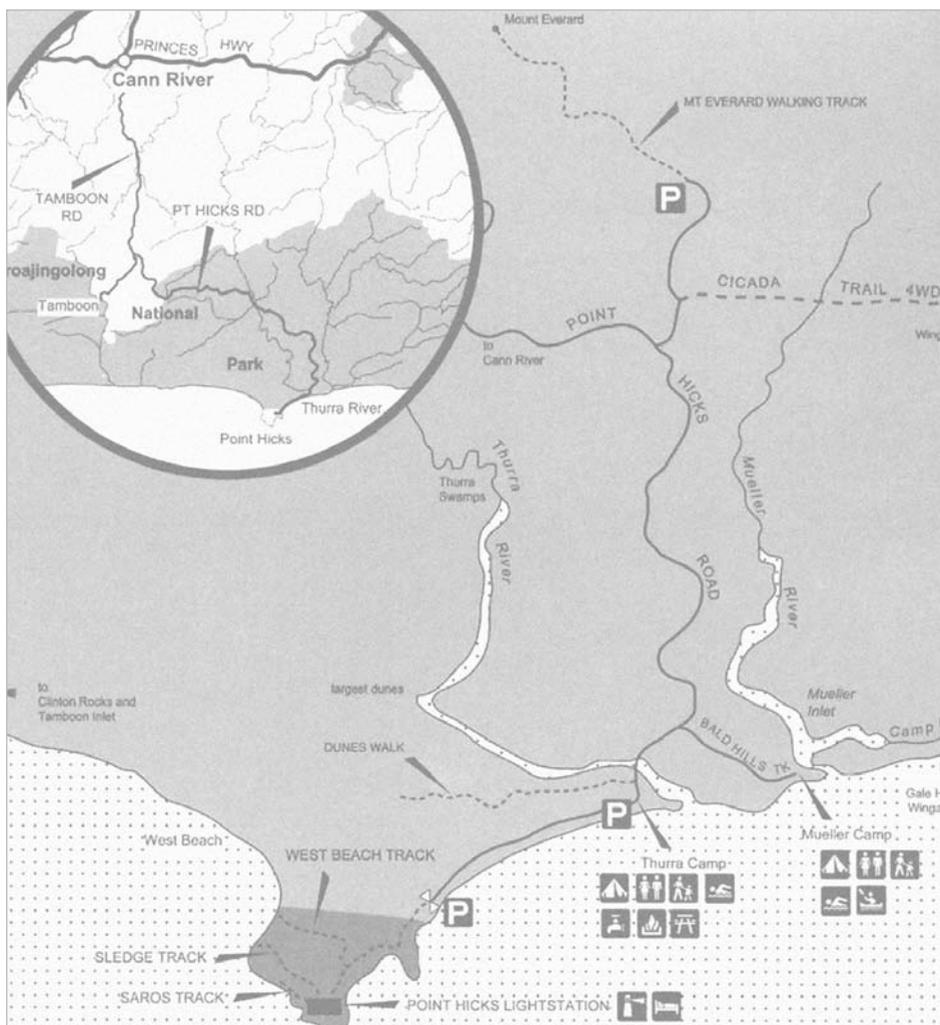
Grade: 2 (moderate / steep)

Start: Genoa Peak Car park

Finish: Genoa Peak

Facilities: Picnic area

Food & drink: Take your own. Nearest corner store: Genoa or Mallacoota



This section of the national park is a nature lover's heaven: more than 200 species of plant are exclusive to the region, and nearly a third of Australia's known bird species live here. The short but demanding walk to Genoa Peak offers superb views over this natural wonderland.

How to get there: (See color map on back cover) Turn off the highway a few km west of Genoa and travel 8km to a carpark and picnic area

22 Thurra River Walks – Thurra Dunes

Cann River (approx 45mins)

- Length:** 4km (2 hrs return)
Track: sandy
Grade: 2 (moderate slope)
Start: Thurra River Camp Ground
Facilities: Toilets, picnic area, camping
Food & drink: Take your own. Nearest corner store: Cann River

Soaring sand dunes that tower 30m above the Thurra River can be reached by a track winding to their summit through coastal banksias and heathland. You can either retrace your steps or wander through the river to the campground.

How to get there: From Cann River, turn south off the highway onto Tamboon Rd. (opposite the hotel), for about 15km, then left along the Point Hicks Rd.

23 Thurra River Walks – Point Hicks Lighthouse

Cann River (approx 45mins)

- Length:** 4.5 km (1.5 hrs return)
Track: Good
Grade: Gentle Slope
Start: Point Hicks Reserve Car park
Finish: Point Hicks Lighthouse
Facilities: Toilets, picnic area, camping
Food & drink: Take your own. Nearest corner store: Cann River

The walk to the lighthouse on Point Hicks is a journey through time. In April 1770 the granite headland became Captain James Cook's first sighting of the Australian mainland. A display board at the lighthouse details the area's fascinating history, including its shipwrecks and the location of the nearby Aboriginal midden. From the lighthouse there are a variety of signposted walks.

How to get there: From Cann River, follow the signs to Croajingolong NP and then Thurra River. Park in the carpark at the end of the road through Thurra River Campground.

Information

For information and great ideas about accommodation, activities, tours and bookings, contact one of the East Gippsland Visitor Information Centres:

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